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a<sup>1</sup> thickness varying from said second thickness, said thread affixed to the engaging face of said component in a spiral such that said thread defines a pitch being not less than the locking lug axial height engagement multiplied by the number of locking lugs present on said component.

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Please amend claim 9 as follows:

a<sup>2</sup> 9. (Once Amended) The thread of Claim 3 wherein the thread configuration is a double helix and a first strand of said double helix starts near said neck opening at a first point and a second strand starts near said neck opening at a point opposite said first strand, and the strands circumscribe said neck so as to form parallel spirals.

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Please amend claim 18 as follows:

18. (Once Amended) A child resistant closure and bottle combination comprising:

a<sup>3</sup> a. a first child resistant container component having at least one locking lug with an axial height and defining an axial height engagement, and having a thread with a first segment defining a first face having a first thickness and with a second segment defining a second face having a second thickness, said first thickness varying from said second thickness, and said locking lug and said thread being positioned on an engaging face of said first component and

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defining a pitch being not less than the locking lug axial height engagement multiplied by the number of locking lugs present on said first component; and

a<sup>3</sup> b. a second child resistant container component having at least one locking lug defining an axial height and being adapted to matingly engage said first component locking lug, and having a thread adapted to matingly engage said first component thread such that the axial displacement of said second component thread plus said first component thread when combined with the pitch is greater than the first component locking lug height, said locking lug and said thread being positioned on an engaging face of said second component.

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Please amend claim 23 as follows:

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23. (Once Amended) A child resistant closure and bottle combination comprising:

a<sup>4</sup> a. a first child resistant container component having at least one locking lug with an axial height and defining an axial height engagement, and having a thread with a first segment defining a first face having a first thickness and with a second segment defining a second face having a second thickness, said first thickness varying from said second thickness, said second segment being contiguous with said first segment, and said locking lug and said thread being